GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Project Mausam
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Project Mausam specifically, the work towards the nomination of Maritime Cultural Routes, the creation of a comprehensive database with a UNESCO web platform on Maritime Cultural Landscapes and Routes and linking UNESCO cultural conventions with the World Heritage convention;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the work done with regard to the increased research and understanding of the importance of the State of Kerala as a timeless and vital component of Indian Ocean trade; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d) Project Mausam, an initiative of the Government of India, is a concept that aims to deal with the notion of monsoon winds that has led to develop trade and cultural contact amongst countries along the Indian Ocean Rim (List of countries is at Annexure I). The Government is mandated with the task of collecting the data and research inputs and to develop implementation strategy in collaboration with various identified state parties for Project Mausam. A series of workshops, including one at Kochi, Kerela and an exhibition have been organised in this regard. The research so far outlines importance of various Indian States, including Kerala that established vital trade and cultural links with other countries along the Indian Ocean Rim.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) and (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2341 FOR 01.08.2016.

List of 39 Indian Ocean countries identified under Project Mausam:
1 Bahrain
2 Bangladesh
3 Cambodia
4 China
5 Comoros
6 Egypt
7 Eritrea
8 RÃ©union, French Department
9 Indonesia
10 Iraq
11 Iran (Islamic Republic)
12 Jordan
13 Kuwait
14 Kenya
15 Lebanon
16 Madagascar
17 Malaysia
18 Maldives
19 Mauritius
20 Mozambique
21 Myanmar
22 Oman
23 Pakistan
24 Philippines
25 Qatar

26 Singapore
27 Sri Lanka
28 Saudi Arabia
29 Seychelles
30 Somalia
31 South Africa
32 Sudan
33 Syrian Arab Republic
34 United Republic of Tanzania
35 Thailand
36 Turkey
37 United Arab Emirates
38 Viet Nam
39 Yemen